McCoy Solar Energy Project

Toward a safe, clean energy future: Located about 13 miles northwest of the City of Blythe, the McCoy Solar Project will utilize photovoltaic technology to produce clean, renewable energy in southern California. The project is located within the Riverside East Solar Energy Zone.

VITALS

Location: Riverside County, California

Technology: Photovoltaic Panels

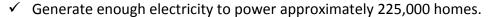
Electricity production capacity: Up to 750

megawatts

Company: McCoy Solar, LLC, Subsidiary of NextEra

Energy Resources, LLC, (Juno Beach, FL)

BY THE NUMBERS – the project is expected to:



- ✓ Create 503 construction jobs and 34 permanent operation jobs.
- ✓ Encompass approximately 4,394 acres of public land and 477 acres of private land within the 7,700-acre BLM right-of-way. The BLM oversees nearly 1.6 million acres in Riverside County, including more than 225,000 for conservation.
- ✓ Connect to Southern California Edison's Colorado River Substation via a 12.5 mile generation-tie transmission line.
- ✓ Provide economic stimulus: facility payroll; increased purchases of local goods and services during construction and long-term operation; increased sales tax revenue; and additional demand for local housing.

STRONG ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND MITIGATION: The Bureau of Land Management worked closely with federal, state and local partners, members of the environmental and conservation community and interested stakeholders to advance an environmentally sound project.

- ✓ **Smaller footprint**: the BLM worked with McCoy Solar, LLC to avoid sensitive resources and reduce the approved project to a 4,394-acre footprint.
- ✓ **Protecting Wildlife**: McCoy Solar will purchase more than 4,500 acres of habitat to protect Desert Tortoise, Burrowing Owl, and Mojave Fringe-toed Lizard.
- ✓ **Clean Energy**: energy produced by the project is estimated to displace about 630,000 metric tons of greenhouse gases each year, equal to taking about 130,000 cars of the road.



<u>A SMART, COLLABORATIVE PROCESS:</u> In October of 2011 the Bureau of Land Management committed to helping the nation reach its clean energy future by guaranteeing coordinated processing, full environmental analysis and public review for specific renewable energy projects where the company demonstrated it was ready to advance to the formal environmental review and public participation process. Working together, the State of California and the Department of the Interior have also established a unique partnership through the Renewable Energy Policy Group and Renewable Energy Action Team to align federal and state permitting and environmental review processes.

THE BIG PICTURE: Secretary Salazar established a Department-wide goal to complete the environmental reviews for 10,000 MW of renewable energy by 2012. The Department surpassed this goal and, to date, has approved more than 11,500 MW on public lands. The State of California is working to achieve a 33% Renewable Portfolio Standard by 2025. The State of California is working to achieve a 33% Renewable Portfolio Standard by 2020. The McCoy Solar Energy Project will strengthen the Department's and the State of California's renewable energy portfolios and will help bring California and the nation one step closer to a clean energy economy.